GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF CRGO
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies importing second hand/used defective Cold Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO);

(b) whether the Union Government has issued Red Alert against import of these items;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Power Ministry has also recommended for ban on this item;

(e) if so, the steps being taken for banning this item;

(f) whether the Government is loosing revenue to the tune of Rs. 1200 crores per annum from the import of this item; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Sir, any person holding a valid Import-Export Code can import Cold Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO) steel sheets. Hence there is no estimate or restriction on number of companies importing such goods.

(b) No, Sir. Government has not issued any Red Alert against import of these items;

(c) Nil in view of (b) above;

(d) & (e) No, Sir. There is no ban on import of second hand/used defective Cold Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO) steel sheets. However, Cold Rolled coils/sheets of a value of less than $ 263/-per tonne require an import licence for their valid importation in terms of Export-Import Policy;

(f) There is no revenue loss on account of import duty, since the basic customs duty on import of seconds and defectives of Cold Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO) steel sheets is higher than the duty on prime quality material. However, suitable valuation alert has been issued to check under valuation;

(g) `Nil` in view of reply at (f) above.